

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1475 – SB 1671

February 9, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the requirement for an early voting period for a special general election, if there is no opposition for any office in the election, including no write-in candidates that have qualified and there are no other items on the ballot.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$2,000

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Secretary of State, two elections statewide in the last ten years (on average one every five years) would have fallen under the provisions of the bill.
- Local polling information on the provisions of the bill reveals the following: House District 14, which covers part of Knox County, would save between \$30,000 and \$40,000; House District 66 (Robertson County) would save approximately \$11,000, if no early voting period was conducted for a special general election; Senate District 28, which covers 6 counties, would save approximately \$30,300, if no early voting period was conducted for a special general election.
- The precise fiscal impact is dependent upon the election being impacted and the district for which the election would occur.
- In the event an election would qualify under the provisions of the bill and thus eliminate an early voting period, there would be a decrease in local expenditures reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000.
- It is reasonably estimated that there will be at least one occurrence every five years; the annualized decrease in local expenditures is estimated to exceed \$2,000 (\$10,000/5 years).
- Based on information provided by the Secretary of State, there will not be a significant fiscal impact on the Division of Elections.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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